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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 10414

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TAGS: PFOR, LA, UR

SUBJ: LAOTIAN AMBASSADOR LEAVES EARLY

REF: MOSCOW 9872

1. LAOTIAN AMBASSADOR LA NORINDR LEFT MOSCOW YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO HIS SON WHO IS STILL HERE. IZVESTIYA (JULY 24) REPORTED THAT LA NORINDR HAD BEEN RECEIVED THE PREVIOUS DAY BY N. M. MATCHANOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET.

2. LA NORINDR WAS PLANNING TO LEAVE BY THE END OF JULY IN ANY CASE (REFTEL), BUT HE TOLD CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FORD THAT HE WAS ASKED TO LEAVE EARLIER BY VIENTIANE ON SHORT NOTICE. LA NORINDR TOLD FORD THAT VIENTIANE WAS SENDING A "PATHET LAO" AMBASSADOR AND WANTED HIM AND HIS TEAM HERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE VISIT BY KING SAVANG VATTHANA. THE VISIT HAD ORGINALLY  
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BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER BUT, ACCORDING TO LA NORINDR,

THE SOVIETS WERE PRESSING HARD FOR THE KING TO ARRIVE HERE  
IN EARLY AUGUST. LA NORINDR ALSO CONFIRMED THAT HE WOULD  
NOT BE GOING BACK TO VIENTIANE.

3. LA NORINDR FURTHER SAID THAT HE TOUGHT THE SOVIETS  
WERE "NOT HAPPY" ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS. THEY HAVE  
THE "ILLUSION," HE SAID, THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DEAL  
DIRECTLY WITH THE KING RATHER THAN THROUGH THE PATHET LAO  
(COMMENT--WE DOUBT THAT). THE SOVIETS, SAID LA NORINDR, HAD  
RECENTLY SENT 250 PEOPLE (TECHNICIANS, ETC.) TO LAOS AS  
AN INDIRECT MEANS OF MAINTAINING THEIR PRESENCE AND  
INFLUENCE.

4. COMMENT: THE DESPATCH OF 250 ADDITIONAL SOVIETS TO  
LAOS IS FURTHER CONFIRMATION OF THE SOVIET DECISION TO  
ATTEMPT TO ENHANCETHEIR INFLUENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IN  
THE VIETNAM AFTERMATH.  
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